

NEW JERSEY VETERANS' BENEFITS GUIDE



**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**





Welcome to the New Jersey Veterans Benefits Guide. This guide continues a tradition of providing relevant information to New Jersey’s Veterans community.

Keeping you informed is part of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NJDMAVA) continuing outreach efforts. Through extensive research and preparation, NJDMAVA has assembled valuable material into this edition of the Veterans Benefits Guide. Many New Jersey Veterans are unaware of the numerous federal and state program benefits, entitlements and services they have earned in defense of this great nation. Our website at <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/> acts as a portal to assist New Jersey’s Veterans in obtaining the information they need to access benefits and services more efficiently and effectively.

We encourage you to contact the Department’s Veterans Service Officers for additional information and assistance when applying for a program, benefit, or entitlement.

“Serving those who served” are more than just our watchwords at NJDMAVA; it is a promise that we will support those whose service and sacrifice have ensured this nation’s survival.

Call 1-888-865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov

YOUR VETERANS BENEFITS



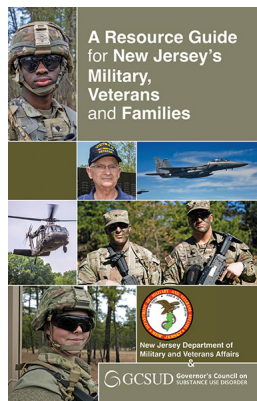
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A Resource Guide For New Jersey’s Military, Veterans, and Families

The guide, which was created by the Governor’s Council on Substance Use Disorder and the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, provides more detailed information on support assistance, housing, health care, employment, education, women Veterans support, as well as legal, tax benefits and licensing. The guide is constantly updated and can be accessed at: <https://www.nj.gov/military/assets/documents/NJ%20Military%20Veterans%20Families%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>



VA MEDICAL

United States Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Administration (VA)

Healthcare: (877) 222-8387, Benefits: (800) 827-1000



VA NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

The newly launched website provides a better and an easier online experience. Find a health facility near you and manage your health online. Sign up for community events and updates. <https://www.va.gov/new-jersey-health-care/>

VA HEALTH CARE BENEFITS HEALTH ELIGIBILITY CENTER

For eligibility and additional information: (877) 222-8387 or visit: www.va.gov/healtheligibility

VA MEDICAL CENTERS (VAMC) / CLINICS

For a list of VA Medical Center facilities, visit: <https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp>.

NEW JERSEY

[VAMC East Orange Campus](#), 385 Tremont Avenue (973) 676-1000

[VAMC Lyons Campus](#), 151 Knollcroft Road (908) 647-0180

Brick, [James J. Howard Clinic](#), 970 Route 70 (732) 206-8900

[Camden VA Clinic](#), 300 Broadway, Suite 103 (877) 232-5240

[Cape May County VA Clinic](#), 3801 US 9 South-Unit 2, (800) 461-8262 Ext. 2850

[Hackensack VA Clinic](#), 385 Prospect Avenue (201) 487-1390 / (201) 342-4536

[Hamilton VA Clinic](#), 3635 Quakerbridge Road (609) 570-6600

[Jersey City VA Clinic](#), 115 Christopher Columbus Drive (201) 435-3055

Marlton, [Burlington County VA Clinic](#), 3000 Lincoln Drive East (844) 441-5499

[Morristown VA Clinic](#), 540 West Hanover Avenue (973) 539-9791/9794

Northfield, [Atlantic County VA Clinic](#), 1909 New Road (800) 461-8262 Ext. 2800

[Paterson VA Clinic](#), 11 Getty Ave, Bldg. 275 (973) 247-1666

[Piscataway VA Clinic](#), 14 Wills Way, Building 5 (732) 981-8193

Sewell, [Gloucester County VA Clinic](#), 211 County House Road (877) 823-5230

[Sussex VA Clinic](#), 222 High Street, Suite 103, (973) 756-1504

[Tinton Falls VA Clinic](#), 55 N. Gilbert Street, Building 4 (732) 842-4751

Vineland, [Cumberland County VA Clinic](#), 79 W. Landis Avenue (800) 461-8262 Ext. 6500

PENNSYLVANIA

[Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC](#), 3900 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104-4551 (215) 823-5800 / (800) 949-1001

[Coatesville VAMC](#), 1400 Black Horse Hill Road, Coatesville, PA 19320-2096 (610) 384-7711

[Delaware County VA Clinic](#), 4883 West Chester Pike, Marville Center, Newtown Square, PA 19073-2213 (610) 383-0239

Montgomery County, [Norristown Vet Center](#), 320 East Johnson Highway, Suite 201, Norristown, PA, 19401 (215) 823-5245

DELAWARE

[VAMC](#), 1601 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE 19805-4917 (302) 994-2511

THE PACT ACT

The PACT Act is a new law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances. This law provides Veterans and their survivors with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

For more information, visit: <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

VETERANS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Veterans who are eligible for VA health care benefits and have a VA-authorized appointment are automatically eligible for transportation through the Veterans Transportation Service. To get started with VetRide, an account will need to be created by your VA facility. To get started, visit: <https://www.vetride.va.gov/app/home>

EYEGLASSES, HEARING AIDS AND DENTAL CARE

Eyeglasses and hearing aids normally require a service rating of 10 percent or more. Routine dental treatment for teeth or jaws is provided to Veterans who are 100 percent service-connected or have a service-connected dental disability. For active duty and retired members of the Uniformed Services, their families and survivors; contact the TRICARE Region East office at **(888) 777-8343** or visit <https://tricare.mil/>

HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN

Many VA hospitals have VA Women Veterans Health Centers whose services include gynecology, sexual trauma counseling, mammography screening, and transition assistance programs for women separating from the Armed Forces. Call **(800) 827-1000** to find out if your local VA hospital has a Women Veterans Health Center or visit the website at: www.womenshealth.va.gov. For information on VA Mammography, visit: www.va.gov/health/mammography.

Call or text the Women Veterans Call Center at **(855) 829-6636**. The Center is available Monday through Friday 8 am - 10 pm ET, and on Saturdays from 8 am - 6:30 pm ET. For more information, visit: <https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/wvcc.asp>

VA NJ WOMEN VETERANS HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

For information on services and programs, call **(973) 676-1000, (ext) 202716**, or visit: www.newjersey.va.gov/services/women/index.asp.

VA LGBTQ+ Health Program

There is an [LGBTQ+ Veteran Care Coordinator](#) at every facility to help you get the care you need. VHA policies require that your health care is delivered in an affirming and inclusive environment and that VHA employees respect your identity. [Contact the LGBTQ+ VCC](#) at your nearest facility. For more information, visit: <https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/lgbtq-plus/index.asp>.

VA IDENTIFICATION CARD

The VA provides eligible Veterans with a Veterans Identification Card (VIC) for use at VA medical facilities. Only Veterans who are eligible for VA medical benefits will receive the card.

For more information, visit: <https://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/vic/>

LOCAL VET CENTERS

Vet Centers offer broad readjustment services for combat theater and other Veterans. They focus on counseling for military traumas, employment and family issues. They also provide referral services for VA benefits, medical assistance, and liaison with community agencies. Individual and group counseling are available for Veterans and their significant others.

To find your local Vet Center, call **(800) 827-1000**, or visit www.vetcenter.va.gov.

NEW JERSEY**Bloomfield Vet Center**

2 Broad Street, Suite 703
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 748-0980

<https://www.va.gov/bloomfield-vet-center/>

Lakewood Vet Center

1255 Route 70, Unit 22N
Parkway Seventy Plaza
Lakewood, NJ 08701
(908) 607-6364 / (732) 905-0327

<https://www.va.gov/lakewood-vet-center/>

Secaucus Vet Center

110A Meadowlands Parkway
Suite 102
Secaucus, NJ 07094
(201) 223-7787

<https://www.va.gov/secaucus-vet-center/>

South Jersey Vet Center

2900 Fire Road, Suite 101
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
(609) 487-8387

<https://www.va.gov/south-jersey-vet-center/>

Trenton Vet Center

934 Parkway Avenue, Suite 201
Ewing, NJ 08618
(609) 882-5744

<https://www.va.gov/trenton-vet-center/>

DELAWARE**Wilmington Vet Center**

2710 Centerville Road, Suite 103
Wilmington, DE 19808
(302) 994-1660

<https://www.va.gov/wilmington-vet-center/>

PENNSYLVANIA**Bucks County Vet Center**

2 Canals End Road, Suite 201B
Bristol, PA 19007
(215) 823-4590

<https://www.va.gov/bucks-county-vet-center/>

Philadelphia Vet Center NE

101 E. Olney Avenue, Suite C-7
Philadelphia, PA 19120
(215) 924-4670

<https://www.va.gov/northeast-philadelphia-vet-center/>

Center City Philadelphia Vet Center

801 Arch Street, Suite 502
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-0238

<https://www.va.gov/center-city-philadelphia-vet-center/>

NEW YORK**Middletown Vet Center**

726 E. Main Street, Suite 203
Middletown, NY 10940
(845) 342-9917

<https://www.va.gov/middletown-vet-center/>

Staten Island Vet Center

60 Bay Street
Staten Island, NY 10301
(718) 816-4499

<https://www.va.gov/staten-island-vet-center/>

POST TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

The State of New Jersey offers a program that addresses the readjustment concerns of Veterans and offers treatment to combat Veterans of all war periods.

Treatment is extended to the family members affected by the Veteran's condition. State Veteran Service Officers can assist with scheduling, counseling, and filing of any applicable VA claims. Contracted clinicians, experienced in PTSD counseling, can determine the best course of treatment for the Veteran and the Veteran's family.

For more information contact a local Veteran Service Officer or call (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

NJ VET TO VET HELPLINE

NJ Vet to Vet is operated by Rutgers University and funded by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. It is a peer-counseling program for assessing a Veteran's mental health needs. The toll-free help line is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, for Veterans and their families.

Services include: Veteran peer support, family support, clinical assessment, case management, referrals to a network of mental health providers, web-based peer support, and live chat. Call (866) 838-7654 or visit <https://www.njvet2vet.com/>.



SUICIDE PREVENTION

Dial 988, then press option 1

SUICIDE WARNING SIGNS:

- Thinking about hurting or killing yourself
- Looking for ways to kill yourself
- Talking about death, dying, or suicide
- Self-destructive behavior such as drug abuse, weapons, etc.
- Hopelessness, anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- Feeling like there is no reason to live
- Rage or anger
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- Withdrawing from family and friends

Call (800) 273-8255 if you are experiencing an emotional crisis and need to talk to a trained professional. You can also text 838255 or go to www.veteranscrisisline.net/chat

GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE TO PREVENT SUICIDES AMONG SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

As part of the Governor's Challenge program, New Jersey is joining forces with community-based suicide prevention initiatives across the nation to reduce the rate of suicides among Service Members, Veterans and Their Families (SMVF).

For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/savenjvets/>



 Governor's Challenge
to Prevent Suicide
Among SMVF
SaveNJvets.org

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT

Vet Centers and VA Medical Facilities have substance abuse treatment programs. See page 2 for a list of locations. You may also contact Alcoholics Anonymous at: *(800) 245-1377*.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families

Unite New Jersey Veterans

Unite New Jersey Veterans is a digital platform designed to empower frontline Veteran service providers to quickly and securely refer New Jersey Veterans to the resources and services they need.

<https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/unitenjveterans.shtml>

Soldier On

(866) 406-8449

www.wesoldieron.org/

Provides homeless Veterans with safe, sustainable, affordable housing, transitioning them from homelessness to home ownership.

Community Hope

(973) 463-9600

www.communityhope-nj.org/

Helps Veterans and their families overcome mental illness, addiction, homelessness and poverty.

Volunteers of America

(856) 854-4660

www.voadv.org/

Provides housing, employment training, emergency shelter and more.

Coaching Into Care

(888) 823-7458

<https://www.mirecc.va.gov/coaching/>

National telephone service of the VA which aims to educate, support, and empower family members and friends who are seeking care or services for a Veteran.

Operation Red Shield – The Salvation Army

(888) 302-6100

<https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/new-jersey/help-our-veterans/>

Provides information, referrals, advocacy, pastoral counseling, needs-based financial assistance, and spiritual support.

Homeless Veterans

(877) 424-3838

<https://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp>

Committed to ending homelessness, connecting Veterans with housing solutions, health care, community employment services, and other required support.

Veterans Caregivers Support Line

(855) 260-3274

www.caregiver.va.gov/

Provides resources, education and support to caregivers of Veterans.

Community Justice Center (Trenton)

(609) 218-5120

www.nj-communityjusticecenter.org/

Non-profit legal services serving the low-income homeless/disabled and returning disabled Veterans and their families with legal assistance.

Catholic Charities

(855) 767-8387

www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/

Provides affordable housing, domestic violence, addiction recovery, mental health, Veteran services, and immigration services.

Jewish Family Services (Atlantic County)

(609) 822-1108

<https://www.jfsatlantic.org/>

Offers a range of programs and services to assist with challenges, counseling, group services, financial assistance and community workshops.

Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org/local/new-jersey.html>

Supplies members of the Armed Forces and their families with support and comfort whenever needed.

Red Cross Hero Care Network

1 (877) 272-7337

<https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/hero-care-network.html>

Provides peer support and mentoring for caregivers of Veterans of all eras, all relations, across all locations.

Wounded Warrior Project

(877) 832-6997

www.woundedwarriorproject.org

Serves Veterans and service members who served in the military on or after Sept. 11, 2001, and incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound during or after service. It provides mental health, career counseling, and long-term rehabilitative care.

USO (United Service Organizations)

(888) 484-3876

www.uso.org

Provides wide range of programs to support military members, Veterans and their families.

Rally Point

www.Rallypoint.com

Social network by, for, and about service members and Veterans, peer counseling, job placement, and mentorship.

Together We Served

www.Togetherweserved.com

Reconnect with former brothers and sisters-in-arms, share camaraderie of other Veterans, preserve a record of your military service that will live on for future generations.

Rosalynn Carter Institute for Caregivers

Rosalynncarter.org

Provides caregivers of all ages, all backgrounds, at every stage of their caregiving journey, with free, personalized one-on-one coaching and support that is anchored in the latest research and monitored for effectiveness.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

(888) 865-8387 <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/>

US Department of Veterans Affairs

(800) 827-1000, www.va.gov

VA Affordable Care Act

(877) 222-8387, www.va.gov/health/aca/

GI Bill

(888) 442-4551, www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

VA Life Insurance

(800) 669-8477, www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/

CHAMPVA

Medical care for Veterans' dependents and survivors call (800) 733-8387

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/family-caregiver-benefits/champva/>

Special Issues Hotline (Blue Water Navy Act, Gulf War, Agent Orange, and other information)

(800) 749-8387

Headstone (status of claims only)

(800) 697-6947

New Jersey State Family Programs Office

<https://www.nj.gov/military/support/>

Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

(973) 645-1955, www.vljinj.org/

Legal Services: Military Assistance Project

(267) 449-6067 www.militaryassistanceproject.org

National Veterans Legal Services Program

(202) 265.8305, <https://www.nvlsp.org/>

VETERANS DIVERSION PROGRAM

Active and former service members charged with certain criminal offenses may be eligible for diversion to mental health and rehabilitative treatment rather than face traditional criminal prosecution. Veteran mentors assist Veterans to

navigate the justice system and get the help they need. The preferred method to apply as a mentor is online through the NJDMAVA website at: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/diversion-program/>.

HUD-VASH

HUD-VASH (Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing) is a HUD and VA collaborative program that combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless, and their families find and sustain permanent housing. For more information, call (877) 424-3838, or visit: <https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp>.

HOME LOANS

Veterans can apply for a VA home loan with any mortgage lender that participates in the VA home loan program. For more information, call (800) 884-5560, or visit: www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans.

HOMELESS

The National Coalition of Homeless Veterans provides help for homeless Veterans nationwide. Call to find a local shelter at (800) 838-4357.

For information about the [VA New Jersey Health Care System Program for Homeless Veterans](#), call (973) 676-1000.

HOME KEEPER PROGRAM

New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA)
(800) 223-6527, www.njhousing.gov.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS

NJDMAVA Veteran's Haven-North and Veteran's Haven-South

NJDMAVA's two transitional housing facilities, [Veteran's Haven-North](#) in Glen Gardner, Hunterdon County, and [Veteran's Haven-South](#) in Winslow Township, Camden County, provide effective, long-term rehabilitation services and employment training for their residents. Veteran's Haven North can be reached at (908) 537-1999 and Veteran's Haven South can be contacted at (609) 561-0269, or by email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

[Hope House for Women with Children](#)

(201) 420-1070

[Veterans Multi-Service Center, Philadelphia](#)

(215) 923-2600

STAND DOWN

Assists New Jersey's homeless Veterans' "combat" life on the streets by providing necessities ranging from food and clothing to medical, legal and mental health services. The committees are always looking for volunteers. If you need assistance or would like to volunteer, call (888) 865-8387.

NEW JERSEY TAX BENEFITS

Income Tax Exemption for Veterans

You may be eligible for a \$6,000 exemption on your income tax return if you are a Veteran who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active duty in the United States Armed Forces on or any time

before the last day of the tax year. For more information visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/military/vetexemption.shtml>.

Property Tax Exemption / Deduction for Veterans

If you are certified by the VA as a 100 percent permanent and total disabled Veteran based on active duty service, you may qualify for an annual property tax exemption. Disabled Veteran Exemption requires a 100 percent VA Certificate of Disability, DD-214 or equivalent, proof of ownership and legal residency. The exemption must be permanent and total. The property must be owned and occupied by the claimant and must be their legal residence in this state.

An annual Veterans Property Tax Deduction of \$250 requires citizenship, state residency, active service in the U.S. Armed Forces during any of the statutory periods listed on the application form, honorable discharge, property ownership, and the timely completion of an application. If living, the Veteran must own the property in whole or in part to qualify for the deduction. Under certain conditions, surviving spouses may also qualify for the exemption or deduction. For more information visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/lpt/lpt-veterans.shtml>.

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION GRANTS

NJ Nonprofit Veterans Organizations Grant

This grant supports New Jersey nonprofit veteran organizations for programs and services supporting New Jersey Veterans. For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/community/award-grant-charitable-programs/veterans-nonprofit-organizations/>

Homeless Veterans Grant Program

This program awards grants to organizations that assist homeless Veterans. For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/community/award-grant-charitable-programs/homeless-veterans-grant-program/>

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

New Jersey's Governor "We Value Our Veterans Award"

Valuing our Veterans: The New Governor's "We Value Our Veterans" Award gives your municipality, business, or academic institution the opportunity to value and honor the sacrifice, patriotism, and bravery displayed by our men and women who have worn the military uniform. Your town, enterprise, or institution may already recognize Veterans in numerous ways. This award provides an additional avenue to honor New Jerseyans who have answered the call to arms in defense of American Values. Our Veterans' service represent an important part of New Jersey Heritage, and receiving this award will serve as a conspicuous representation of your support of our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, Guardians, and Coast Guardsmen.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/community/award-grant-charitable-programs/wvov/>

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

These organizations assist Veterans through the VA system and advocate for Veterans' rights. They are not affiliated with the government.

American Legion

(609) 695-5418, www.njamericanlegion.org (973) 297-3226, www.legion.org

AMVETS

(609) 526-4356, www.amvets-nj.org (877) 726-8387, www.amvets.org

Catholic War Veterans

(609) 392-2303, www.ddeptnj.cwv.org (703) 549-3622, www.cwv.org

Disabled American Veterans

(609) 396-2885, www.davnj.org (877) 426-2838, www.dav.org

Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America

(212) 982-9699, <https://iava.org>

Jewish War Veterans

(609) 396-2508, www.jwv-nj.org (202) 265-6280, www.jwv.org

Korean War Veterans of America

(217) 345-4414, www.kwva.us

Marine Corps League

www.dnjmcl.org, www.mclnational.org

Military Order of the Purple Heart

(888) 668-1656, www.purpleheart.org

Veterans of Foreign Wars

(609) 393-1929, www.vfwnj.org (816) 756-3390, www.vfw.org

Vietnam Veterans of America

(973) 663-3008, www.vvanjsc.org (301) 585-4000, www.vva.org

New Jersey Association of Veteran Service Officers (NJAVSO)

(732) 929-2096, <http://njavso.org>

EMPLOYMENT

The Department of Labor Veterans Program provides counseling, testing, placement, and other assistance through local offices.

New Jersey Department of Labor-One-Stop Career Centers

Visit: <https://nj.gov/labor/career-services/>.

New Jersey Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP) specialists provide services to Veterans at One-Stop-Career Centers throughout the state.

For the One Stop Career Center near you, call (877) 872-5627 or visit: <https://nj.gov/labor/career-services/job-search/get-support/onestoplocations.shtml>.

US Department of Labor Veterans-Employment and Training Services

www.dol.gov/vets

RE-EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NJ ESGR)

Returning to pre-military job, call: (609) 562-3987, or visit: <https://www.esgr.mil/About-ESGR/Contact/Local-State-Pages/New-Jersey>.

VETERANS AND DISABLED VETERANS PREFERENCE

To qualify for Veterans Preference, the Veteran must have received an honorable discharge from active duty that includes dates of service during a qualifying war era. For a list, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/civil-service-preference/#war-eras>.

The following documents will be needed to prove this service occurred: DD Form 214, Honorable Discharge Certificate, Civil Service Veterans Preference Claim Form, and additional documents as needed.

To be eligible for disabled Veterans Preference, one must be a “Veteran” as described above and must have incurred a disability for which the Veteran is receiving 10 percent or greater disability compensation from the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Spouses of disabled Veterans, surviving spouses of disabled Veterans, or Veterans and parents of Veterans who died in service are eligible for Preference if the Veteran would have been eligible for Veterans Preference.

To obtain Veterans preference on CSC examinations, you must complete the Civil Service Veterans Preference Claim Form at: https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/civil-service-preference/njdmava_form_05A-1.pdf or call (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE FOR PENSION PURPOSES

Veteran Status for pension purposes does not always meet the same criteria as Veteran’s preference for exams. For more information, visit <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/status-for-pensions/> or call (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

HELMETS TO HARDHATS

This program places men and women from the Armed Forces into building and construction careers. For more information, call (866) 741-6210, or visit <https://helmetstohardhats.org/>.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS

This program assists military personnel transitioning to a new career as a public school teacher. A network of state offices provides participants assistance with certification requirements, routes to state certification, and employment leads. For more information, call (800) 680-0884 or visit: <https://www.nj.gov/education/rpi/recruitment/spousesandvets/troops/>.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Veterans Online Business Registry (VETBIZ)

Enables Veterans to post information online about their business, to inform government and corporate buyers about their capacity to perform and inform agencies, contracting officers, and businesses about their products and services. This also links to Veterans Business Outreach Centers. For more information, call (866) 584-2344, or visit <https://www.vetbiz.va.gov/>.

Small Business Administration (SBA)

The SBA provides services to Veterans thinking of starting a small business.

New Jersey: (973) 645-2434

New York: (212) 264-4354

Pennsylvania: (610) 382-3062

Delaware: (302) 573-6294, ext. 227

National: (800) 827-5722

<https://www.sba.gov/>

Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

www.va.gov/osdbu (866) 584-2344

EDUCATION

New Jersey State Approving Agency (SAA)

The SAA operates under contract with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, maintaining the State's authority to supervise programs at traditional colleges. The agency also approves and supervises programs at non-traditional "for profit" schools, including non-degree programs, apprenticeships, and on-the-job training, flight, and correspondence schools. The SAA has its foundation in federal law, under Title 38, United States Code. To find out if your program of study is approved call (609) 530-6849, or email: DMAVA-SAA@dmava.nj.gov; visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/saa/>.

POW – MIA Tuition Benefit Program

Free undergraduate college tuition is available to any child born or adopted before, during, or after the period of time his or her parent was officially declared a prisoner of war (POW) or person missing in action (MIA) after January 1, 1960. The POW – MIA must have been a New Jersey resident at the time he or she entered the service, or whose official residence is in New Jersey. Contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

War Orphan Tuition Assistance

Children of those service personnel who die while in the military or due to service-connected disabilities, or who are officially listed as MIA by the U.S. Department of Defense may claim \$500 per year for four years of college or equivalent training.

To qualify, the Veteran must have been a state resident and the child must be a resident. Contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

Veterans Tuition Credit Program

Provides additional education benefits to Veterans eligible for "federally funded" education programs who served on active duty from December 31, 1960 to May 7, 1975 and were legal residents of New Jersey at the time of induction into the Armed Forces or for a period not less than one year prior to applying. The amount of the award is \$400 annually or \$200 per semester for full-time and for part-time \$100 per semester. Contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at (888) 865-8387, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

Financial Aid

Veterans are advised to file Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms as well as apply for the GI Bill. Lists of scholarships, grants, and financial aid available to Veterans and their dependents can be found at <https://finaid.org/military/>. Be sure to contact the financial aid office at your institution.

OTHER BENEFITS

Operation Recognition

This program will award a state-endorsed high school diploma to any New Jersey Veteran who left a New Jersey high school to enter military service during World War II. This program has been extended to cover Korean and Vietnam era Veterans as well. Call **(888) 865-8387**, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

NEW JERSEY CATASTROPHIC ENTITLEMENT

Eligible: Veterans/surviving spouses receive a monthly entitlement of \$150.

Criteria: A Veteran must be a New Jersey resident in receipt of a permanent service-connected disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that resulted from wartime service resulting in one of the following catastrophic disabilities: loss of sight; amputation of both hands, both feet or one hand and one foot; hemiplegia and permanent paralysis of one leg and one arm on either side of the body; paraplegia and permanent paralysis of both legs and lower parts of the body; osteochondritis and permanent loss of use of both legs; multiple sclerosis and the loss of use of both feet or both legs; quadriplegia.

For more information call the Veterans Benefits Bureau at **(888) 865-8387**, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov, or visit <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/benefits-resources/documents/catastrophic-entitlement-application.pdf>.

NEW JERSEY STATE SERVICE MEDALS

New Jersey Veterans who have an honorable discharge can apply for one or more of our seven State Medals – New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal, New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal, New Jersey Korean Service Medal, New Jersey POW/MIA Service Medal, New Jersey Desert Shield/Desert Storm Service Medal, or the New Jersey Global War on Terrorism Medal.



For more information on New Jersey State Service Medals, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/awards/> or call **(888) 865-8387**, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

VETERANS HEALTHCARE

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs manages three state-of-the-art long-term nursing facilities. For more information visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/memorial-homes/>

New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus

Veterans Drive, PO Box 608, Paramus, NJ 07653-0608
(201) 634-8525

New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park

132 Evergreen Road, PO Box 3013, Edison, NJ 08818-3013
(732) 452-4102

New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland

524 North West Blvd, Vineland, NJ 08360-2895
(856) 405-4200

DEATH, BURIAL AND RELATED BENEFITS

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

Free interment and perpetual care is available to Veteran residents of New Jersey, their spouses, and dependent children. Pre-registration is encouraged.

For eligibility for Federal VA burial and death benefits, call your local Veteran Service Office or contact the VA at **(800) 827-1000**. For more information visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/cemetery/index.shtml>.

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
 350 Province Line Road, Wrightstown, NJ 08562
(609) 738-2400

REQUEST MILITARY RECORDS

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs maintains and archives many military records. Current and former service members or their next of kin may request from the Department copies of their military records. Except for military records requests for a military funeral, all records requests are processed in the order received. For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/request-military-records/>.

To request military records, please fill out a [Standard Form 180](#). For more information, call **(609) 530-6823**, or email, MilRecords@dmava.nj.gov.

NEW JERSEY TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

This program assists Veterans in need of transportation. Free transportation is offered to VA medical centers and clinics, other hospitals, private physicians, VA Regional Office and local Veteran Service Offices. Contact your local Veterans Service Officer to make arrangements. For more information, contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at **(888) 865-8387**, or email: VBB@dmava.nj.gov.

Visit the Guide at: <https://www.nj.gov/military/assets/documents/NJ%20Veterans%20Transportation%20Guide.pdf>

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife annually issues hunting and fishing licenses free to each qualified Disabled Veteran. New Jersey residents must be honorably discharged and declared by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to have a service-connected disability. For more information, call **(609) 292-2965**, or e-mail NJDFWLicenses@dep.nj.gov.

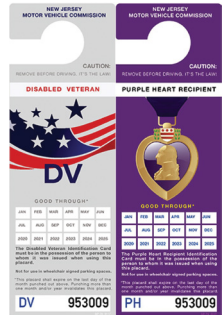
NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION Vehicle Registration

New Jersey provides special consideration for active-duty military personnel. Special privileges are also available for service-disabled or blind Veterans.

For more information, contact New Jersey Motor Vehicle Services at **(609) 292-6500**, or visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/veterans.htm>.

Disabled Veteran and Purple Heart Placards

New Jersey Disabled Veterans and Purple Heart recipients are eligible for motor vehicle placards that exempt them from payment of municipal parking meter



fees, for up to 24 hours. For more information, visit: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/vehicletopics/disvet.htm>.

Veterans Designation

The Motor Vehicle Commission issues Veteran designation on driver licenses and non-driver ID cards. You may request your Veteran designation driver license or non-driver ID card by following the instructions at: <https://www.state.nj.us/mvc/drivertopics/vetdesignation.htm>.

NJDMAVA VETERANS SERVICE OFFICES (VSO)

Through our network of regional Veteran Service Offices, Veteran Service Officers provide the State's more than 299,000 Veterans and their dependents with information and guidance in filing claims, assist with issues pertaining to employment, education, burial, counseling, housing, social and medical services, and other areas of concern to Veterans and their families. Please make every effort to use these valuable services.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/services/vso/>

State Supervisors

Main numbers: 1-(844) 671-1019 / (609) 671-3500

Key: VSO - Veterans Service Officer; OM - Office Manager

Atlantic Veterans Service Office

Atlantic City National Guard Armory

1008 Absecon Boulevard, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

VSO: (609) 671-3505 / OM: (609) 671-3506 / FAX: (609) 441-3899

Bergen Veterans Service Office

125 State Street, Suite #109, Hackensack, NJ 07601-5435

VSO: (609) 671-3510 / OM: (609) 671-3511 / FAX: (201) 996-8009

Bordentown Veterans Service Office

Joint Military & Family Assistance Center

1048 US Highway 206 South, Bordentown, NJ 08505

(609) 496-9242

Burlington Veterans Service Office

555 High Street, Suite #6A, Mt Holly, NJ 08060

VSO: (609) 671-3515 / OM: (609) 671-3516 / FAX: (609) 518-2275

Camden Veterans Service Office

Governor James J. Florio Center for Public Service Building

200 Federal Street, Suite 146, Camden, NJ 08103

VSO: (609) 671-3520 / OM: (609) 671-3521 / FAX: (856) 757-7667

Cape May Veterans Service Office

National Guard Armory

600 Garden State Parkway, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

VSO: (609) 671-3525 / OM: (609) 671-3526

Cumberland Veterans Service Office

New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland

524 N. West Boulevard, Vineland NJ 08360

*VSO: (609) 671-3530 / OM: (609) 671-3531 / FAX: (856) 696-6499***East Orange Veterans Service Office**

East Orange VA Medical Center

385 Tremont Avenue, Room 3-214, East Orange, NJ 07018

*(973) 676-1000, Ext. 202377***Essex Veterans Service Office / Newark Liaison Office**

Newark VA Regional Office

20 Washington Place, Room 439, Newark, NJ 07102-3174

*VSO: (609) 671-3535 / OM: (609) 671-3536***Gloucester Veterans Service Office**

Woodbury National Guard Armory

658 N Evergreen Avenue, Woodbury, NJ 08096

*VSO: (609) 671-3540 / OM: (609) 671-3542 / FAX: (856) 853-3899***Hudson Veterans Service Office**

Jersey City National Guard Armory

678 Montgomery Street, 2nd Floor, Room 6, Jersey City, NJ 07306

*VSO: (609) 671-3545 / OM: (609) 671-3546 / FAX: (201) 536-3404***Hunterdon Veterans Service Office**

Veterans Haven North

200 Sanatorium Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

*VSO: (609) 671-3550 / OM: (609) 671-3551 / FAX: (908) 537-0833***Mercer Veterans Service Office**

National Guard Armory

151 Eggerts Crossing Road, Room #136, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

*VSO: (609) 671-3555 / OM: (609) 671-3556 / FAX: (609) 671-6698***Middlesex Veterans Service Office**

National Guard Armory

1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset, NJ 08873

*VSO: (609) 671-3560 / OM: (609) 671-3561***Monmouth Veterans Service Office**

630 Bangs Avenue, Suite #320, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

*VSO: (609) 671-3565 / OM: (609) 671-3566 / FAX: (732) 775-3612***Morris Veterans Service Office**

National Guard Armory (Monday-Wednesday)

479 W Clinton Street, Dover, NJ 07801

VSO: (609) 671-3570 / OM: (609) 671-3571 / FAX: (973) 336-0360

Ocean Veterans Service Office

Toms River VA Clinic

1051 Hooper Avenue, Toms River NJ 08754

*VSO: (609) 671-3575 / OM: (609) 671-3576 / FAX: (732) 840-0399***Passaic Veterans Service Office**

Passaic County Administration Building

401 Grand Street, Paterson, NJ 07505

*VSO: (609) 671-3580 / OM: (609) 671-3576 / FAX: (973) 977-6372***Salem Veterans Service Office**

90 Market Street, Salem NJ 08079

*VSO: (609) 671-3585 / OM: (609) 671-3586***Somerset Veterans Service Office**

National Guard Armory

1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset, NJ 08873

*VSO: (609) 671-3590 / OM: (609) 671-3591 / FAX: (732) 937-6417***Sussex Veterans Service Office**

Catholic Family & Community Services (Thursday and Friday)

48 Wyker Road, Franklin, NJ 07416

*(609) 922-2400***Union Veterans Service Office**

652-654 Rahway Avenue, Union NJ 07083

*VSO: (609) 671-3595 / OM: (609) 671-3596***Warren Veterans Service Office**

Port Murray Armory

550 NJ-57 South, Port Murray, NJ 07865

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